



The Claiborne Clarion

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President's Message

Mary Gregorio



Fresh oysters, grinning pumpkins, the smell of wood fires coming from the chimneys in town, sunlight making the Bay sparkle, woolen socks and cozy sweaters...must be Autumn in Claiborne! So as we put the gardens to bed for the winter and warm up the fireplaces, and allow the dust to settle from our recent road-resurfacing project, I'll mention some of the other things going on in the Village and with the Village Hall.

Jetty Proposal (bill #1253): As you may recall, Bill 1253, a capital funding proposal that would authorize borrowing \$80,000 to construct a living shoreline at the Claiborne causeway and jetty was put before the Talbot County Council. Kirke Harper and I, along with Mimi Holt and Dawn Lednum, have attended hearings and have met with Ray Clarke; Ray then joined us for a town meeting in September to address the plans and related questions. Recently Dirke Bartlett and several members of the County staff including Jesse Fearins visited the jetty to see the area in question. A final hearing will be held on 11/12 and the plan, as we understand it, is to establish 300' of living shoreline behind the deteriorating bulkhead.

Road Resurfacing: Several roads in the County were resurfaced with tar and chip. We understand that the County hopes to be able to stripe the roads this year, but does not expect to add any further surfacing at this point. Eventually the stones will be compacted by weather and wear, but until then, please be kind and slow down through town to avoid kicking up loose stones and dust in your wake.

Walk of Fame: preparation work continues for the brick walkway in front of the Village Hall. A brick "style" has been chosen as well as the font to be used on the bricks. There has been a great response to this plan and orders for bricks continue to come in. It's not too late! If you would like to order a brick for the path, you can contact Judy Harrald.

Happy Thanksgiving! Mary

November Birthdays

7 -- Jake Flory
10 -- Aiden Berry
25 -- John Berry
29 -- Rob Todd





A new crop of raku artists in Claiborne: Who knew?

As explained in an earlier Clarion, *Raku* is a type of pottery, originating in Japan, which is traditionally characterized by pieces that are hand-shaped rather than wheel turned. Finishing Raku, as with most other pottery, requires two firing processes. The first, or *bisque* firing is done in an electric kiln and renders the “leather hard” clay solid, but vulnerable to breakage. The second firing is in gas kiln at low temperature. When the glaze becomes molten the piece either exposed to the outside temperature and/or is placed into a container with combustible materials such as sawdust or newspaper. The process is exciting and leaves each piece with a unique character.

Claiborne’s young Raku artists, Tyler and Ella Murphy and Jadon and Sebastian Cornish, completed the first phase of their work on October 19th at the Scott’s studio. You can see the “before” phase of the Tyler’s, Ella’s, Jadon’s and Sebastian’s artwork below. The gas firing will take place Saturday November 9th in the Scott’s driveway from 1:00 – 3:00. All are welcome to come and see the process and view the “after” phase.



Tyler’s Crab



Ella’s Fish



Jadon’s Pyramid



Sebastian’s Dish

Anchors Away

On Friday October 18th Claiborne gathered at the Village Hall to wish a *bonne journée* to our beloved Jim and Martha who now off on an exciting voyage to the Bahamas on the intrepid (we trust) *Togwatee*. There was quite a turnout with much well-wishing, including a special presentation by Carol Kabler to Jim and Martha, a spot-on song for the occasion written and performed by Chris Noyes and replete with melodic bawdiness provided by the Claiborne Chorale. Some photos of the evening follow:



(Photos by John Scott)

Fear the Ferry!

In its first year sailing in the St. Michaels Wednesday Night Sailing Races *Claiborne Ferry* took many trophies presented at the recent Awards Ceremony. Truth be told (Editor's note: The *Claiborne Clarion* only prints the truth): only one of these awards was deserved. Fortunately for the crew, it was the most important award presented that night: *The Hugh Kabler Spirit of Sailing Award*, named in honor of the true spirit of sailing -- Claiborne resident and skipper of *Inka*, a champion, past, of Wednesday night fame.

(Editor's note: The size of the image of the mug on this page is disproportionately large only so that the reader can decipher the inscription on the mug. It has nothing to do with the fact that the this month's *Clarion* Editor is a member of the Claiborne Ferry Syndicate and used his position to highlight the achievement of him and his compatriots. The Claiborne Ferry Syndicate is comprised of Jim Richardson, Kirke Harper, Renny Johnson, Will Murdoch, Jake Flory, Phil Sayre, Jack Harrald, Mike Wager and John Scott.)



(Photo by Kirke Harper)



(Photo by John Scott)

Halloween Spooktakular

On Saturday October 26th a *spooktakular* Halloween party was held at the Village Hall. Games were played and fun was had by young and less young, and creepy, slimy, blood 'n guts (pizza) was served. Pete Gregorio captured some of the fun (right).



(Photo by Pete Gregorio)



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Is there a PhD in the House?

Yes! Congratulations to Dr. Michelle Zacks who just last week successfully defended her doctoral dissertation on the environmental history of the mullet fishery of southwest Florida at the University of Hawaii.

Now she can pay more attention to us!

